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**#12**

*Steve ★ Rogers*  
**CAPTAIN  
AMERICA**  
**I KNOW YOUR  
SECRET!**



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*Super-Soldier. Avenger. Agent of Hydra. He is...*

*Steve ★ Rogers*  
**CAPTAIN  
AMERICA**



Steve Rogers' reality has been secretly rewritten by Kobik, a sentient Cosmic Cube acting under the influence of the Red Skull. In Steve's new history, a Hydra agent named Elisa Sinclair enrolled Steve in a school where he was trained to believe in Hydra's ideals--and befriended a young Helmut Zemo. The leaders of Hydra recognized Steve's promise and gave him a secret mission: return to the U.S. to become the first Super-Soldier--and consequently, Hydra's ultimate spy.

In the present, Steve has gained a powerful ally by convincing Zemo that the version of history where they were friends really took place, and that the version Zemo remembered was a lie. But his number of enemies is growing as well--after being replaced by Steve as the Director of S.H.I.E.L.D., Maria Hill is on the run, while his friend Bucky Barnes is still hiding out with Kobik, who could reveal Steve's secret at any time. And Taskmaster and Black Ant just stumbled across security footage of Captain America saying "Hail Hydra"...

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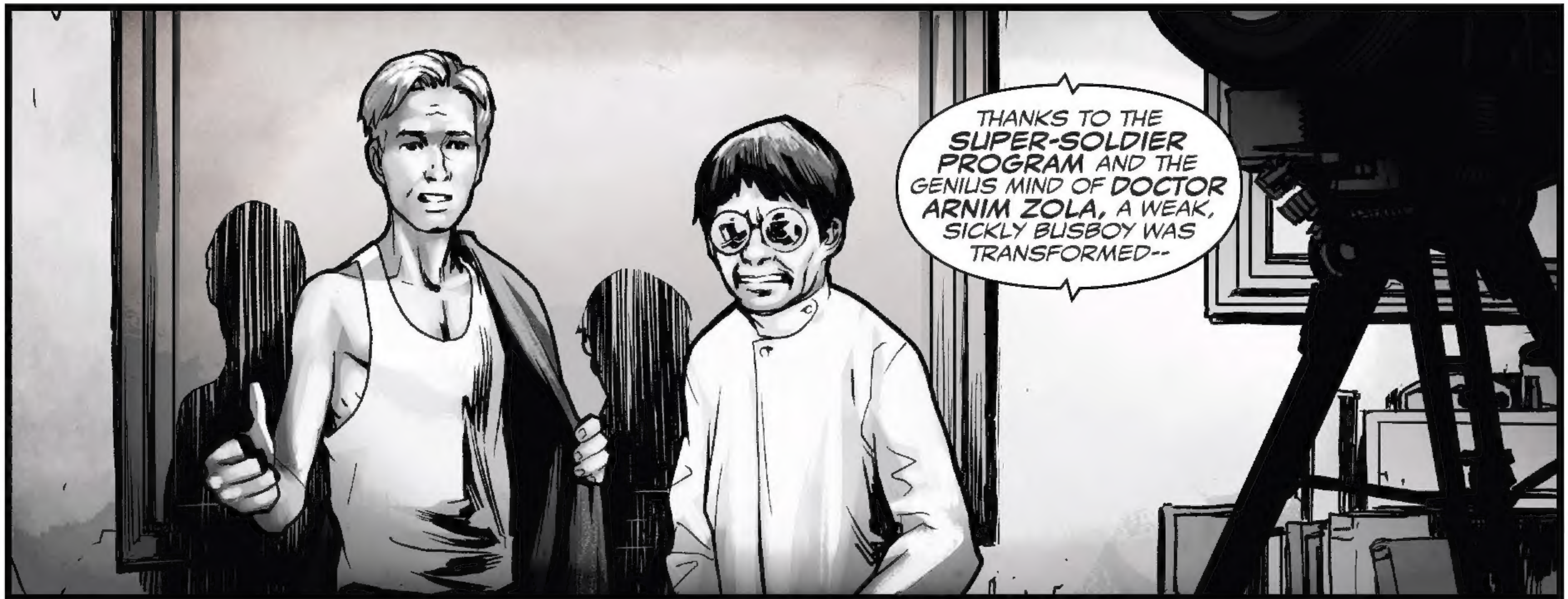
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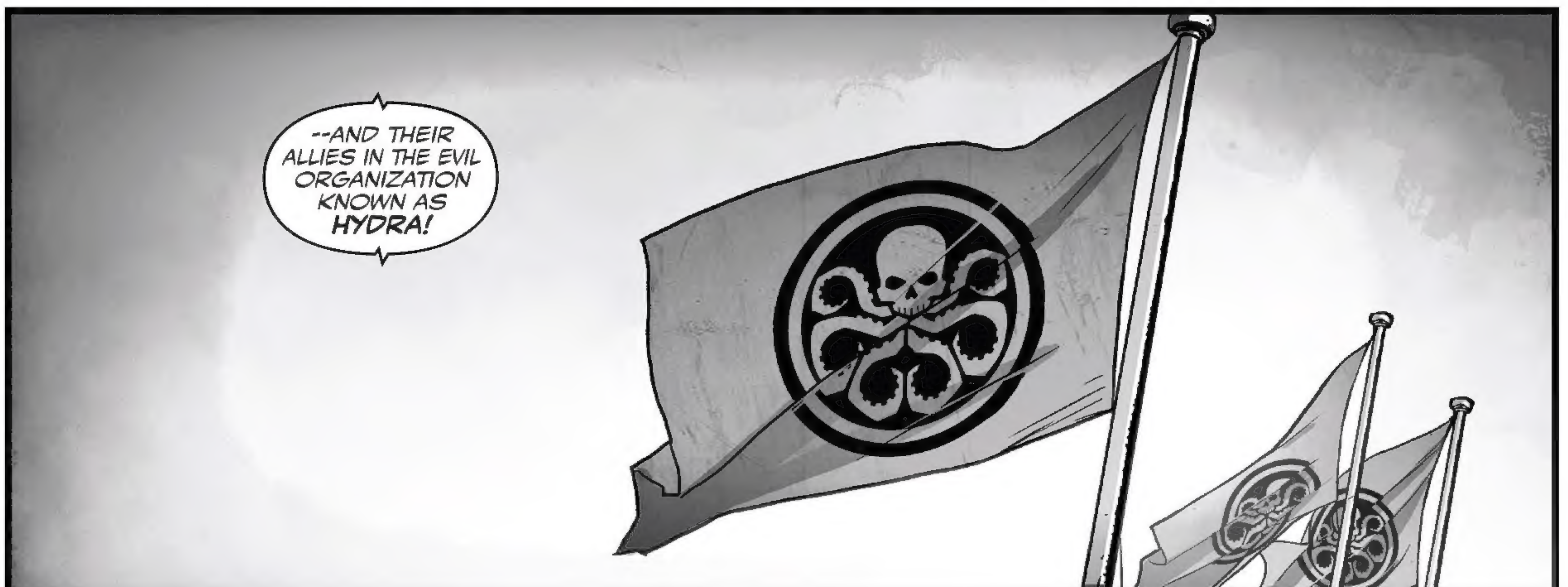
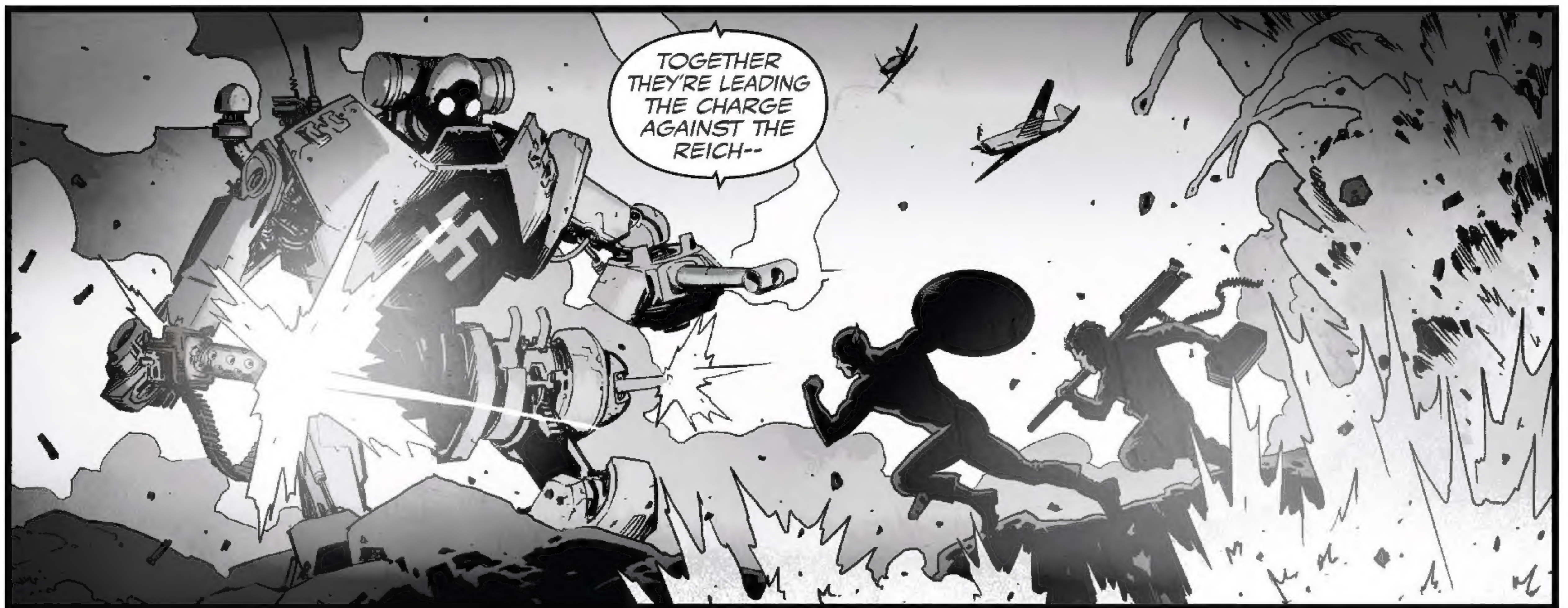


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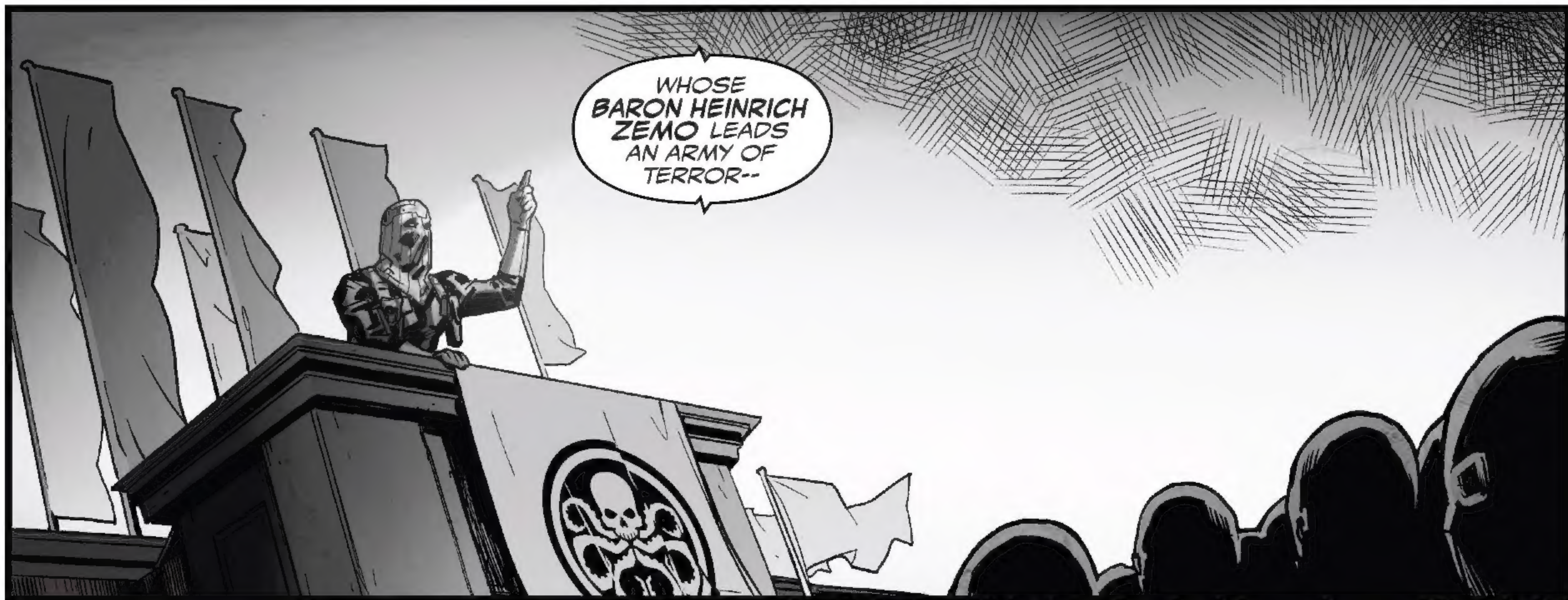
COVERS WORLD-WIDE EVENTS



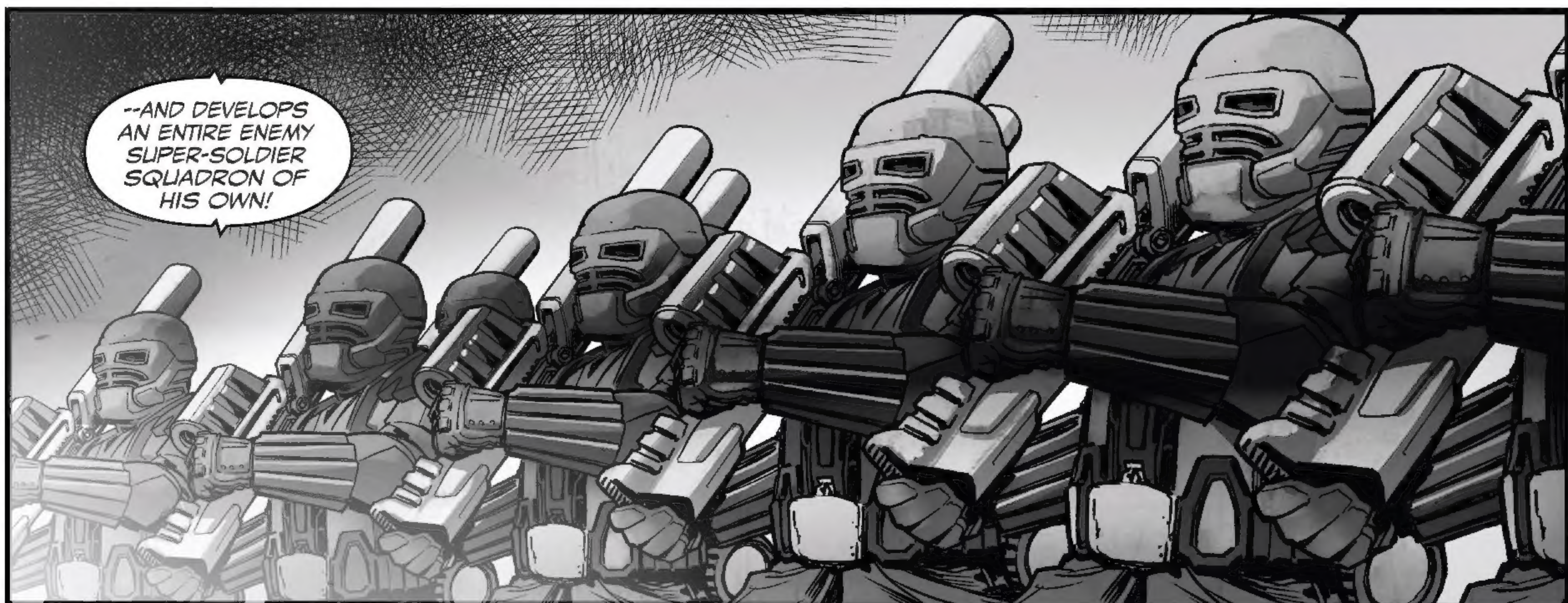








WHOSE  
BARON HEINRICH  
ZEMO LEADS  
AN ARMY OF  
TERROR--



--AND DEVELOPS  
AN ENTIRE ENEMY  
SUPER-SOLDIER  
SQUADRON OF  
HIS OWN!



NOT JUST THAT--  
BUT IN GERMANY,  
WHISPERS OF A NEW  
PLAYER--A VICIOUS MADMAN  
KNOWN AS THE **RED SKULL**--  
HAVE EMERGED, BREATHING  
NEW LIFE INTO THE  
AXIS EFFORT!



BUT NEVER  
FEAR, DEAR  
VIEWER--WE'LL  
ALWAYS COME  
OUT AHEAD IN  
THE END--

--NOW  
THAT WE  
HAVE **CAPTAIN  
AMERICA** ON  
OUR SIDE!



**NOW.**

*From the journal of  
Doctor Erik Selvig:*

*These last few  
months have been  
quite the whirlwind.*

*My job once  
had been watching  
after Kobik--the  
living embodiment  
of the Cosmic  
Cube--supposedly  
on behalf of  
S.H.I.E.L.D.*

*But in truth I served  
the Red Skull and  
Hydra--until he tired  
of me and ordered  
my death, that is--*

*--at which point  
I came to serve  
someone new.*

*I have grown to  
admire this man  
who saved me, and  
I believe in what  
he is trying to do  
for the glory of  
Hydra--*

*--but even he  
makes mistakes  
sometimes.*

AH, THERE  
HE IS.  
DOCTOR  
SELVIG--





CAPTAIN...

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE A NEW ALLY. **HELMUT ZEMO** HAS AGREED TO JOIN OUR CAUSE--AND I COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD.



NOW, I HAVE TO GO DEAL WITH SOME **S.H.I.E.L.D.** BUSINESS--BUT I WANT YOU TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY WAY HE DEEMS NECESSARY. WE HAVE A LOT TO GET DONE, AND VERY LITTLE TIME IN WHICH TO ACCOMPLISH IT.

THANK YOU, STEVEN. AND DOCTOR, BEFORE WE BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO **APOLOGIZE** FOR ALL THAT EARLIER UNPLEASANTNESS--

DO YOU MEAN DRAGGING ME THROUGH THE HIMALAYAS ON A LEASH AS YOUR PRISONER? OR PLANNING TO KILL ME AFTER YOU UNCOVERED ALL THE SECRETS OF THE COSMIC CLUBE?



CAN WE SAY **BOTH**?

CAPTAIN, YOU CANNOT EXPECT ME TO WORK WITH THIS MAN!

I **CAN** AND I **DO**, DOCTOR. WHATEVER DIFFERENCES THE TWO OF YOU MAY HAVE HAD BEFORE, IT'S TIME TO PUT THEM ASIDE.



WE ARE ON THE **SAME TEAM** NOW. AND IT'S WE FEW AGAINST THE MANY. SO, DOCTOR, I EXPECT YOU TO PUT YOUR LOYALTY TO HYDRA ABOVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL GRIEVANCES.

AND **YOU**, HELMUT. I UNDERSTAND THE DOCTOR MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO COME AROUND, AND THAT MAY COME TO FRUSTRATE YOU, BUT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU MAY WANT TO--



--DO NOT VAPORIZE HIM WHILE I'M GONE.



HMPH.



Personal Log of Maria Hill:

Okay, I will admit it--  
I'm desperate.

Since getting kicked out of  
S.H.I.E.L.D., I've been trying to  
find something--anything--that  
can get me back in the action--

Which led me  
here--to Bagalia--  
the nation of  
super-criminals.

Got a dark net invitation, some  
anon making big promises. But  
like everything in Bagalia--

--it's probably  
a trap.

**TASKMASTER!**

HEYA,  
MARIA. LONG  
TIME, NO--

--TRY TO  
KILL ME. @#!\$  
NEOCONS.

I JUST  
WANNA  
TALK!

YOU  
SHOULD  
LISTEN TO  
THE MAN,  
HILL--





--YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.

O'GRADY?!

HEY--IT'S THE **BLACK ANT**. WE STICK TO **CODENAMES** IN BAGALIA.

IDENTITY THEFT IS A REAL PROBLEM AROUND HERE.

RELAX, MARIA--

--WE CAME HERE TO MAKE A **DEAL**. WE GOT THINGS WE WANT, AND WE GOT THINGS YOU NEED.

**SERIOUSLY?** WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY NEED FROM YOU TWO INCOMPETENT MORONS?

**INCOMPETENT?** CAN I JUST POINT OUT BOTH OF US ARE FORMER **S.H.I.E.L.D.** EMPLOYEES?



S'TRUE--THOUGH THE ORGANIZATION AIN'T EXACTLY WHAT IT **USED** TO BE.

HOPE YOU AT LEAST GOT A DECENT REFERENCE.

Daily Bugle  
**SHIELD SHAKE UP:**  
HILL FIRED, CAP HIRED



YEAH, I APPRECIATE YOU NOTICING I GOT FIRED. SO UNLESS THIS OFFER IS A MONSTER.COM LISTING--

**BETTER.** WHAT IF WE TOLD YOU WE HAD A SLAM-DUNK, NO-LOSE WAY FOR YOU TO GET YOUR OLD JOB BACK?

NOT ONLY THAT--BUT YOU GET TO BRING DOWN THE GUY I'M BETTIN' YOU HATE THE **MOST** RIGHT NOW--



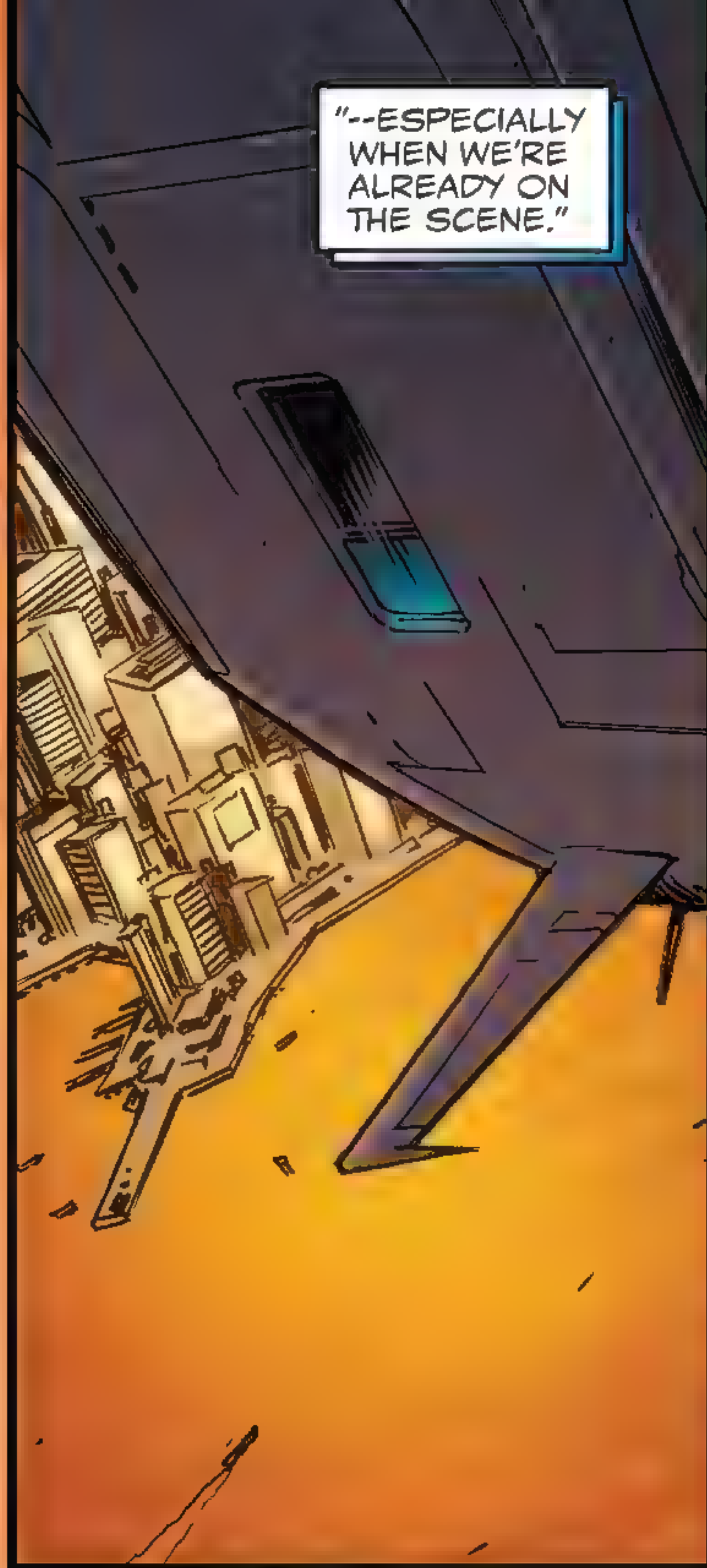
"--CAPTAIN AMERICA."

SORRY I'M LATE, EVERYONE.

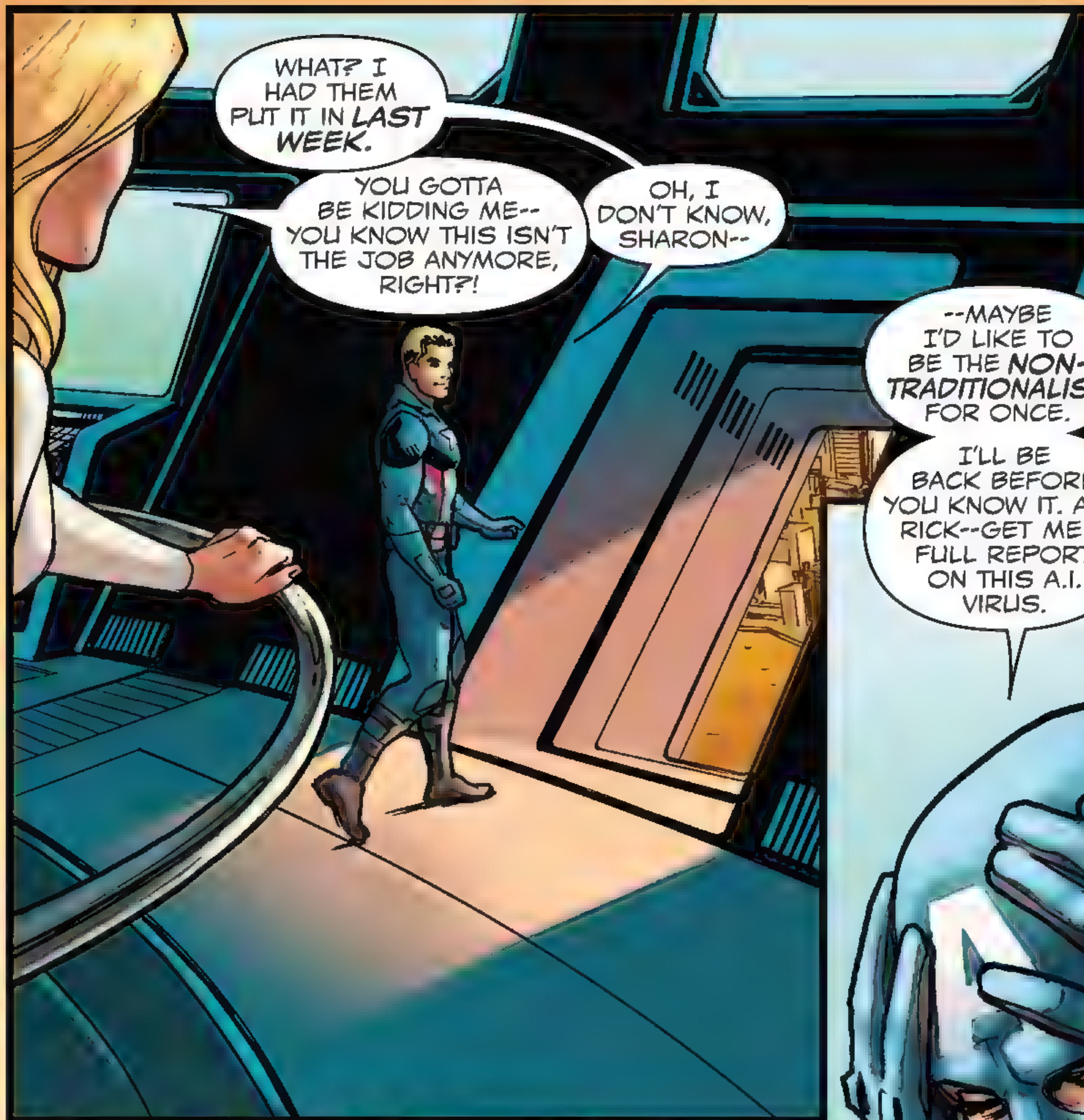








"--ESPECIALLY  
WHEN WE'RE  
ALREADY ON  
THE SCENE."



WHAT? I  
HAD THEM  
PUT IT IN **LAST**  
WEEK.

YOU GOTTA  
BE KIDDING ME--  
YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T  
THE JOB ANYMORE,  
RIGHT?!

OH, I  
DON'T KNOW,  
SHARON--

--MAYBE  
I'D LIKE TO  
BE THE **NON-**  
**TRADITIONALIST**  
FOR ONCE.

I'LL BE  
BACK BEFORE  
YOU KNOW IT. AND  
RICK--GET ME A  
FULL REPORT  
ON THIS A.I.  
VIRUS.



"YOU'RE SAYING--  
WHATEVER THIS IS  
THAT YOU THINK  
YOU HAVE--"





--IT  
COULD BRING  
DOWN STEVE  
ROGERS--

OKAY,  
ASSUMING  
THAT CHECKS  
OUT--WHAT DO  
YOU WANT  
FOR IT?

OH, IT *WILL*.  
THIS IS VIDEO  
PROOF. INDISPUTABLE.  
ONCE THE WORLD SEES IT,  
ROGERS WON'T JUST BE  
OUT AT S.H.I.E.L.D.--HE'LL  
BE FACIN' THE *FIRING*  
*SQUAD*.

AND IT'S 100  
PERCENT *REAL*.  
TEST IT HOWEVER  
YA WANT.

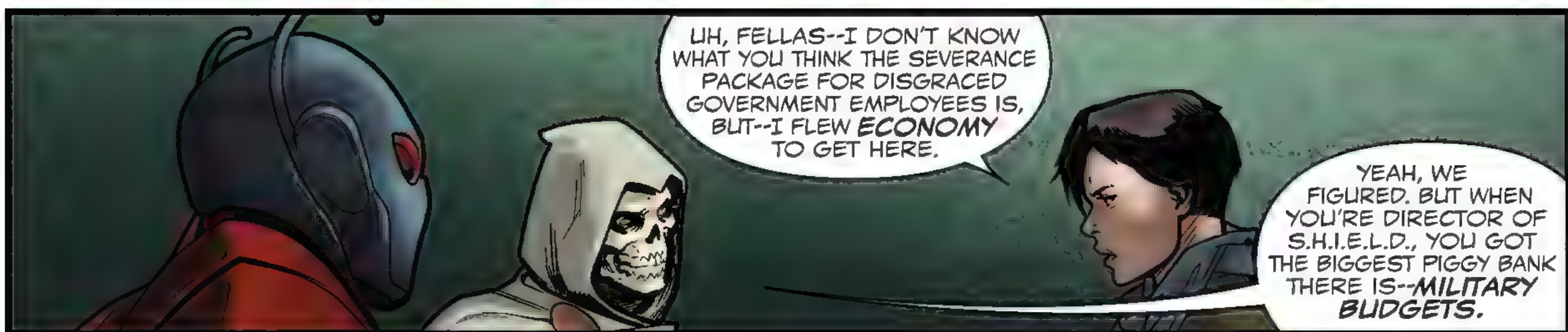


WELL, COME  
ON--THIS IS *CAPTAIN*  
*AMERICA*. RECORDING  
LIKE THIS, IT'S BIGGER  
THAN THE NIXON  
TAPES.

BIGGER  
THAN THE  
*KARDASHIAN*  
TAPES.

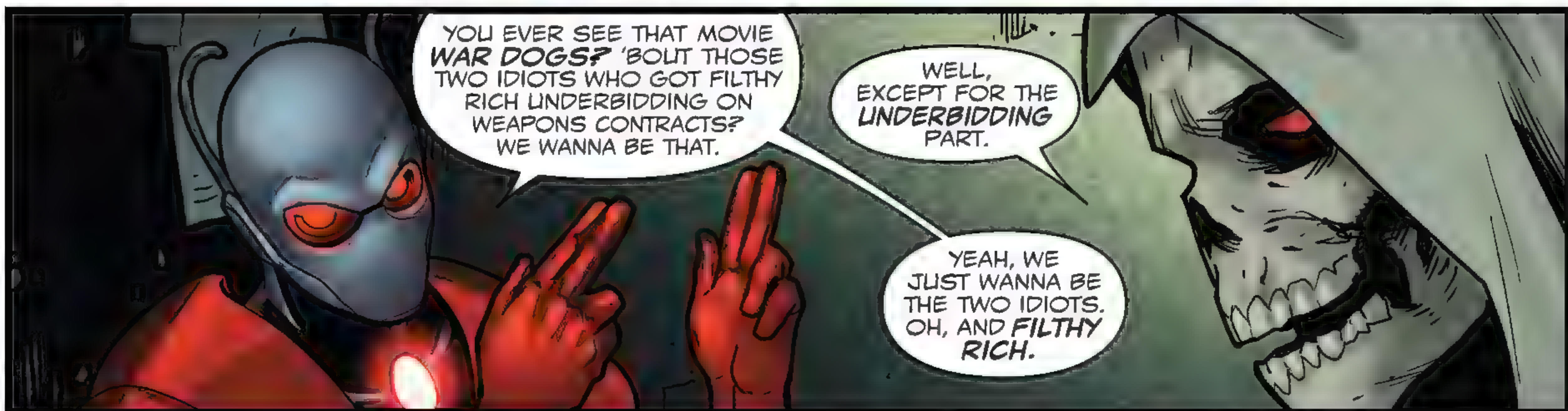
GOTTA  
BE WORTH  
*BILLIONS*.

*TENS OF*  
*BILLIONS*.



UH, FELLAS--I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU THINK THE SEVERANCE  
PACKAGE FOR DISGRACED  
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IS,  
BUT--I FLEW *ECONOMY*  
TO GET HERE.

YEAH, WE  
FIGURED. BUT WHEN  
YOU'RE DIRECTOR OF  
S.H.I.E.L.D., YOU GOT  
THE BIGGEST PIGGY BANK  
THERE IS--*MILITARY*  
*BUDGETS*.



YOU EVER SEE THAT MOVIE  
*WAR DOGS*? 'BOUT THOSE  
TWO IDIOTS WHO GOT FILTHY  
RICH UNDERBIDDING ON  
WEAPONS CONTRACTS?  
WE WANNA BE THAT.

WELL,  
EXCEPT FOR THE  
*UNDERBIDDING*  
PART.

YEAH, WE  
JUST WANNA BE  
THE TWO IDIOTS.  
OH, AND *FILTHY*  
*RICH*.



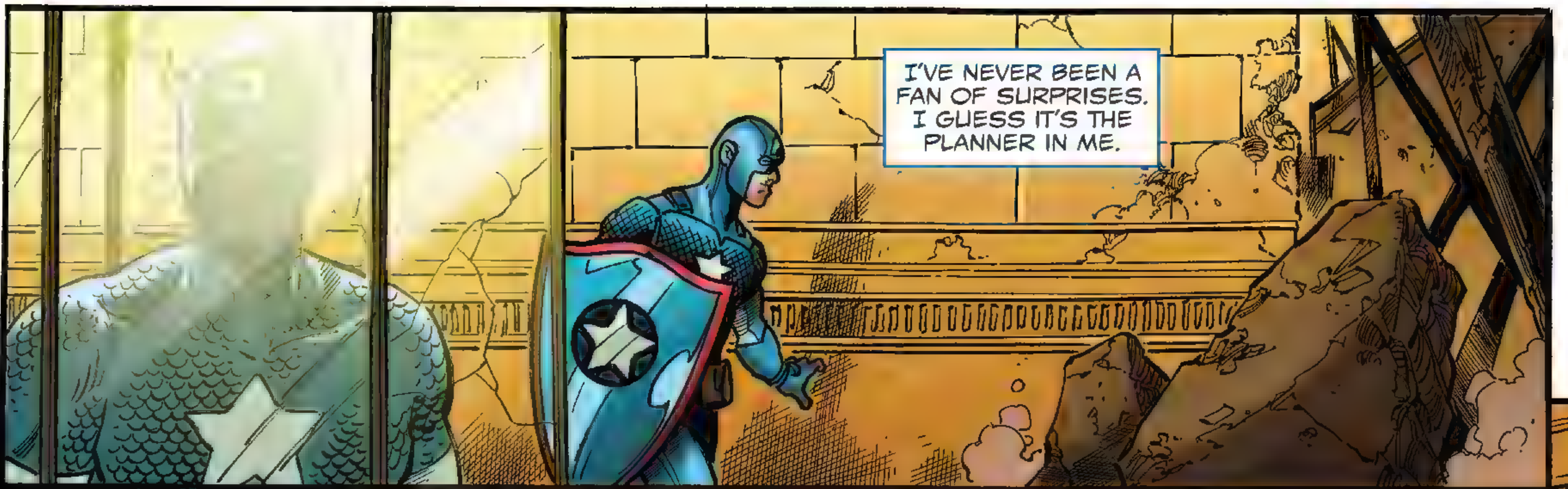
WE WANT RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON EVERY  
ARMS DEAL THAT COMES ACROSS YOUR DESK.  
AT A 30--NO, HELL, LET'S MAKE IT A 35  
PERCENT MARKUP.

IT'S GONNA  
BE LIKE WHEN YOU  
WERE A KID AND THEY  
TOLD ABOUT THOSE  
EIGHT-THOUSAND-DOLLAR  
TOILET SEATS IN THE  
PENTAGON--

THAT  
STORY  
WAS NEVER  
TRUE.

WELL--  
IT IS NOW,  
SISTER.

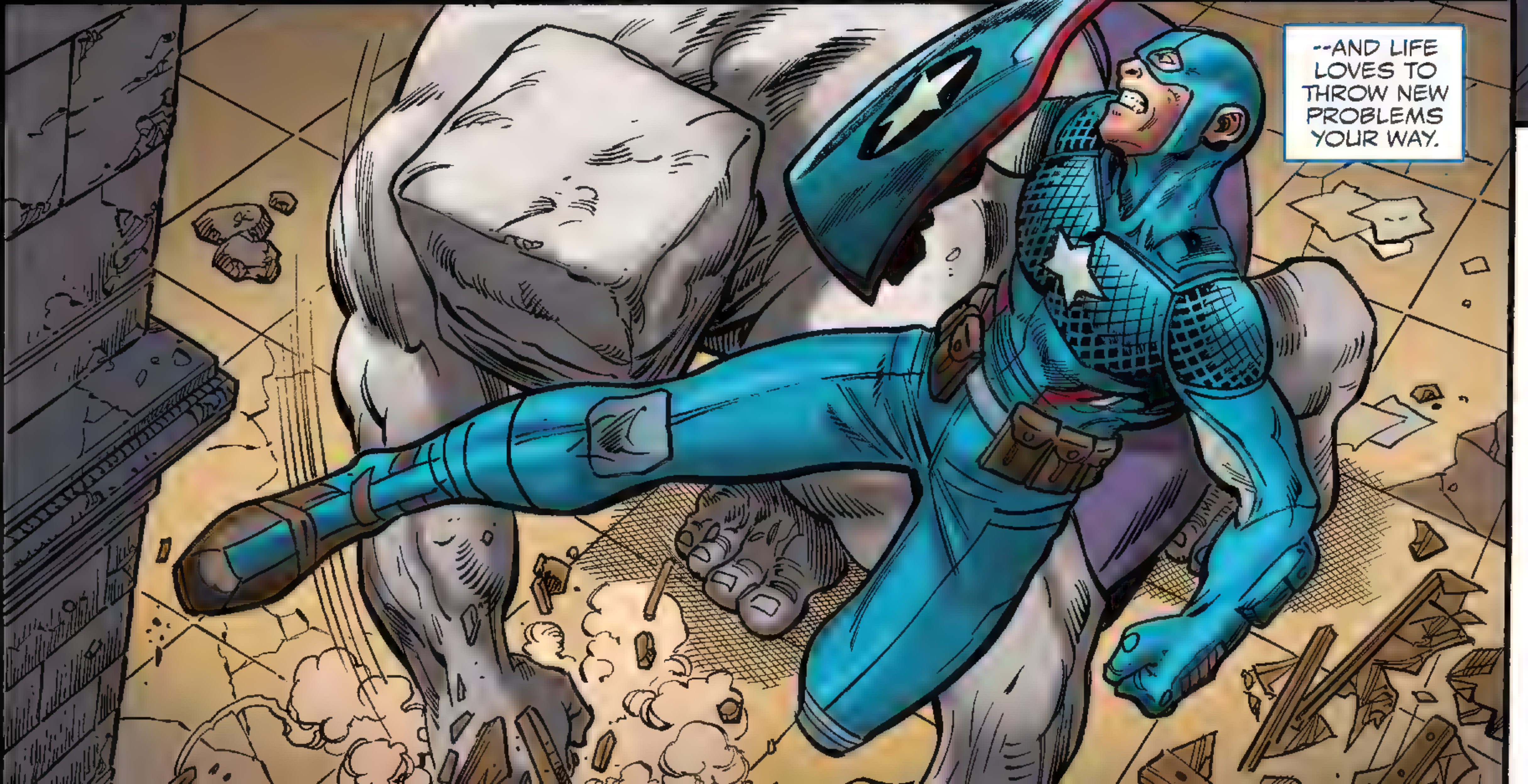




I'VE NEVER BEEN A  
FAN OF SURPRISES.  
I GUESS IT'S THE  
PLANNER IN ME.



OF COURSE,  
YOU CAN NEVER  
ANTICIPATE  
EVERYTHING--



--AND LIFE  
LOVES TO  
THROW NEW  
PROBLEMS  
YOUR WAY.



BUT I'VE LEARNED IN  
ALL MY YEARS DOING  
THIS THAT IF YOUR  
STRATEGY WAS SOUND  
TO BEGIN WITH--



--THE  
CURVEBALLS  
REALLY  
SHOULDN'T  
DO YOU IN.

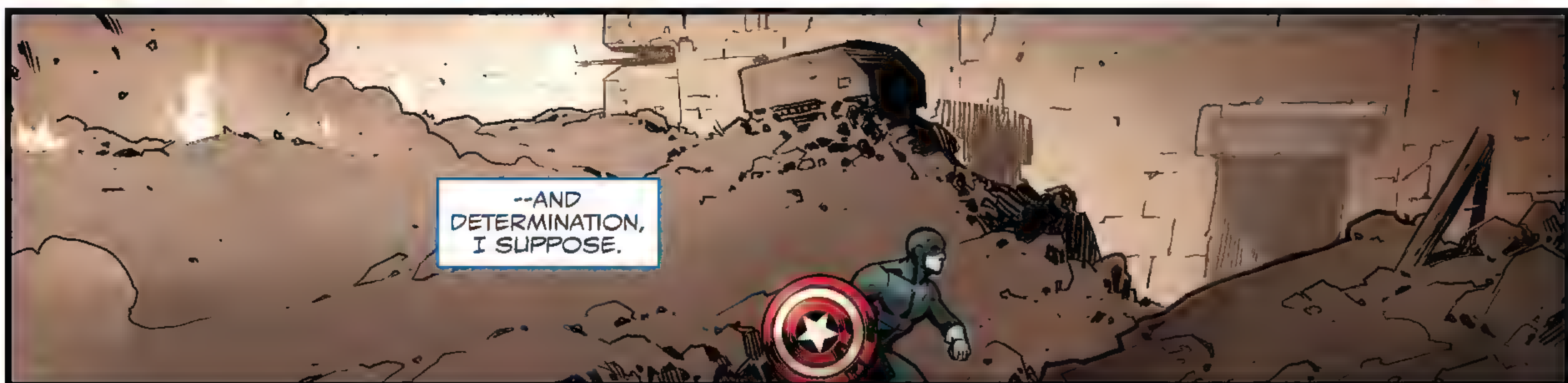


THE KEY IS  
ANTICIPATION--

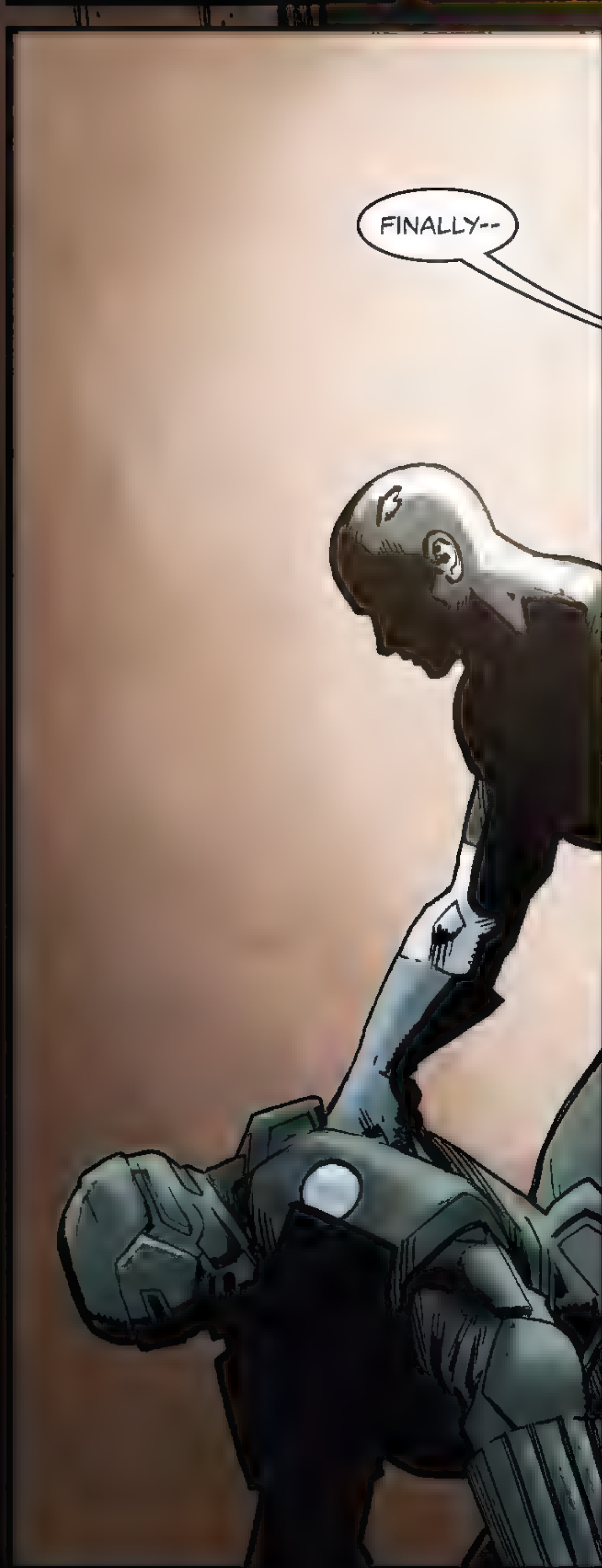
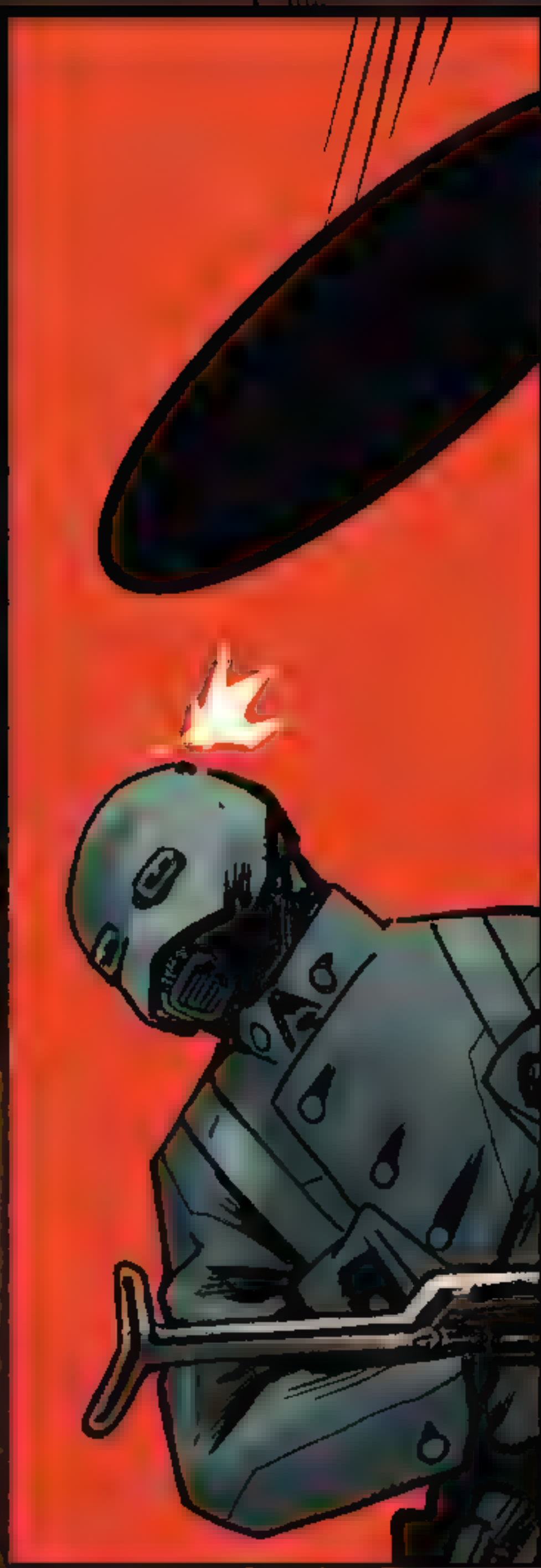
YOU HOLD  
THEM OFF, BUCKY--  
I'LL GET INSIDE,  
FIND THOSE  
PRISONERS!



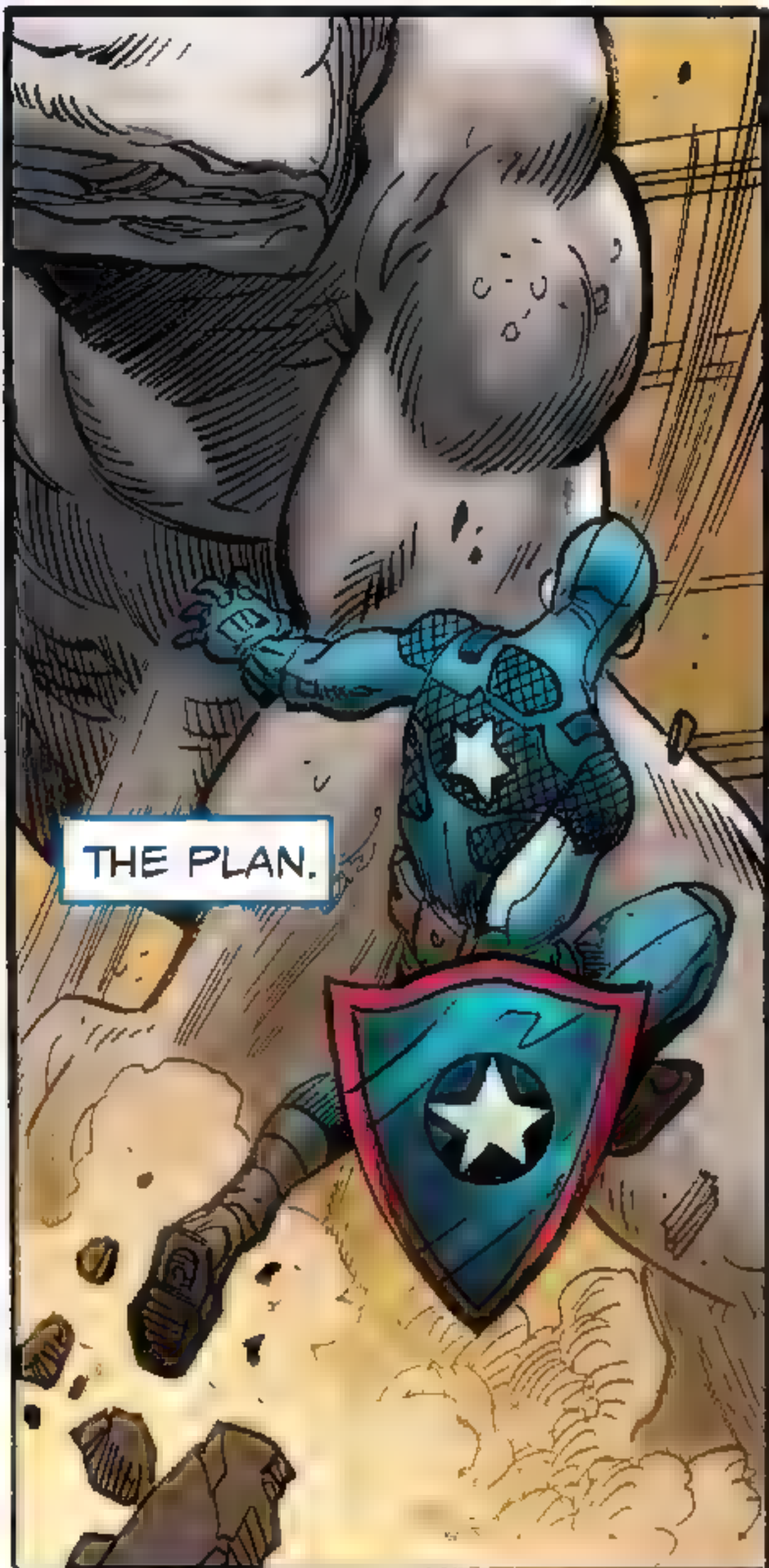
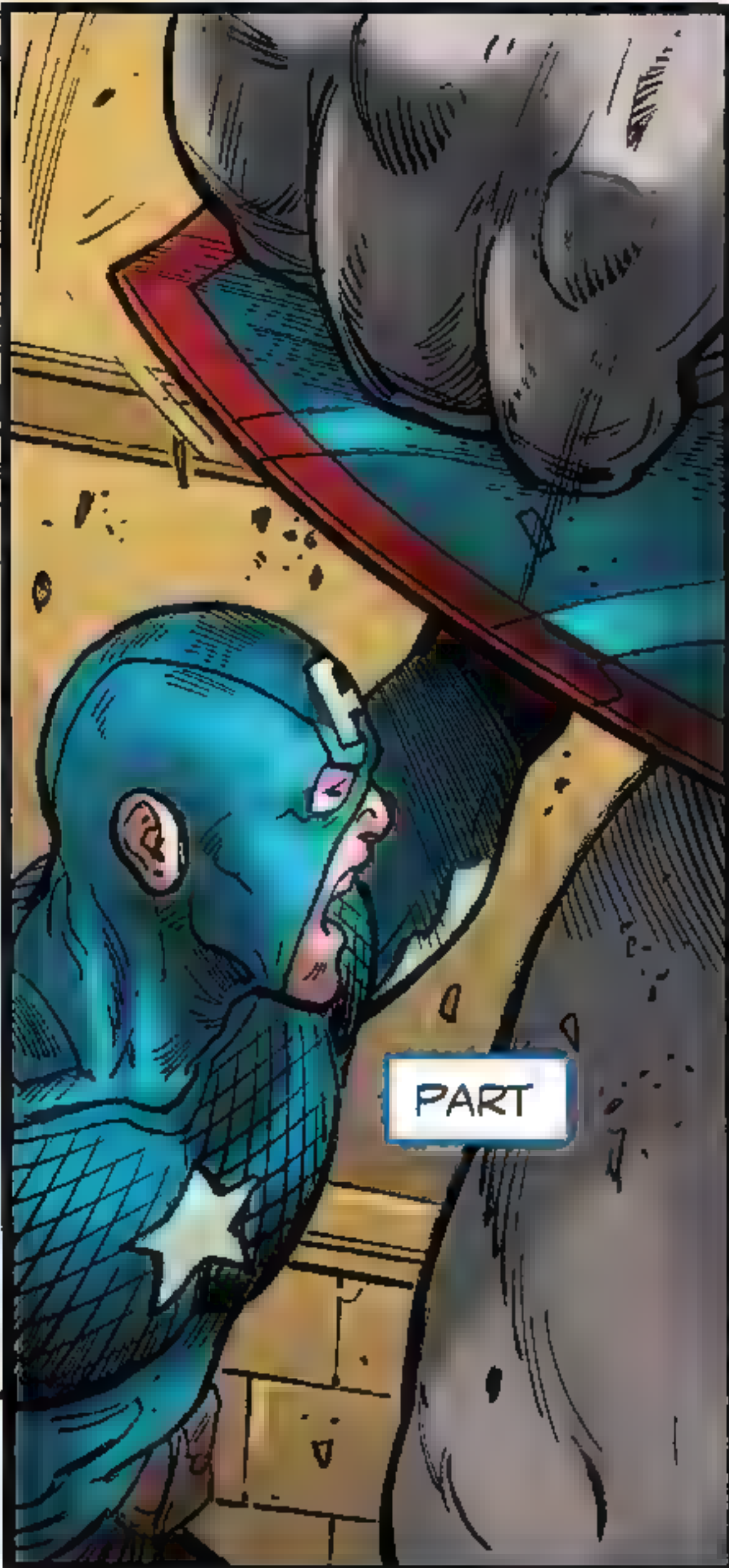
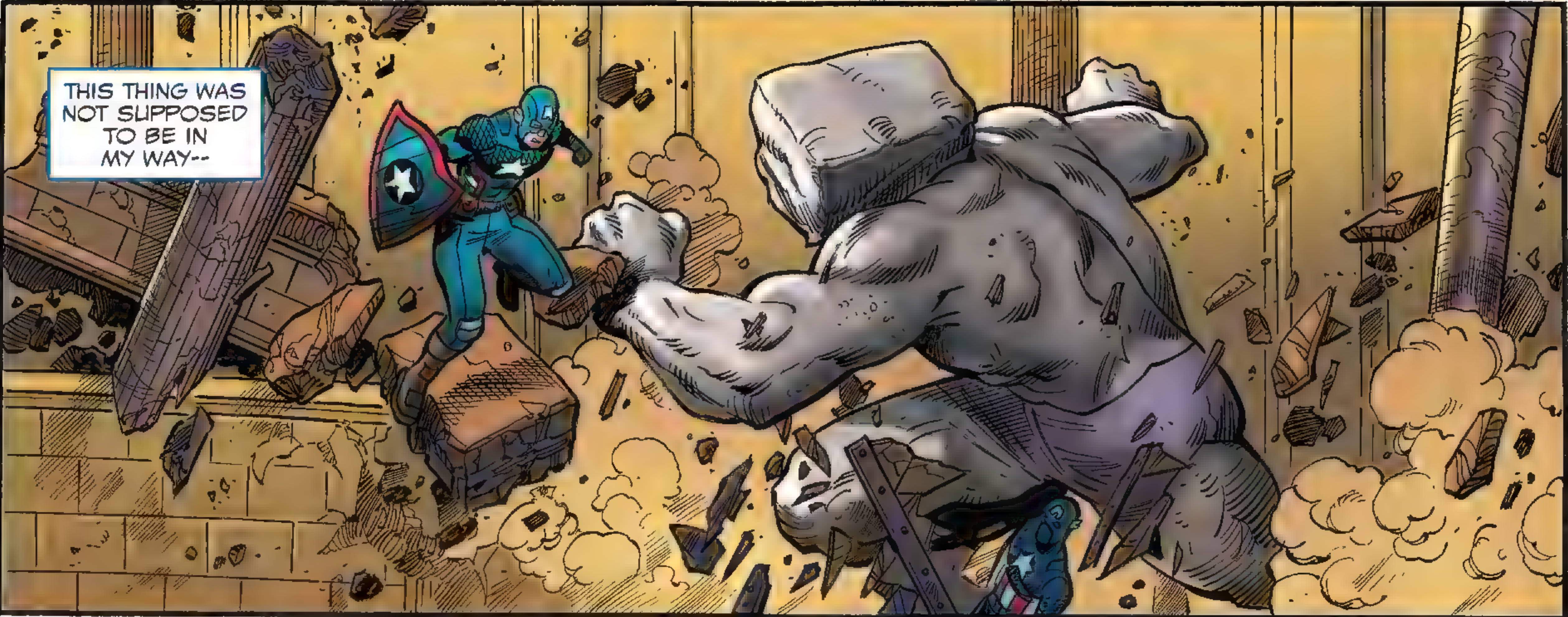
--AND  
DETERMINATION,  
I SUPPOSE.















I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WENT FOR IT!

'COURSE SHE DID. HILL WOULD SLIT HER OWN MOTHER'S THROAT TO GET BACK IN THAT CHAIR.

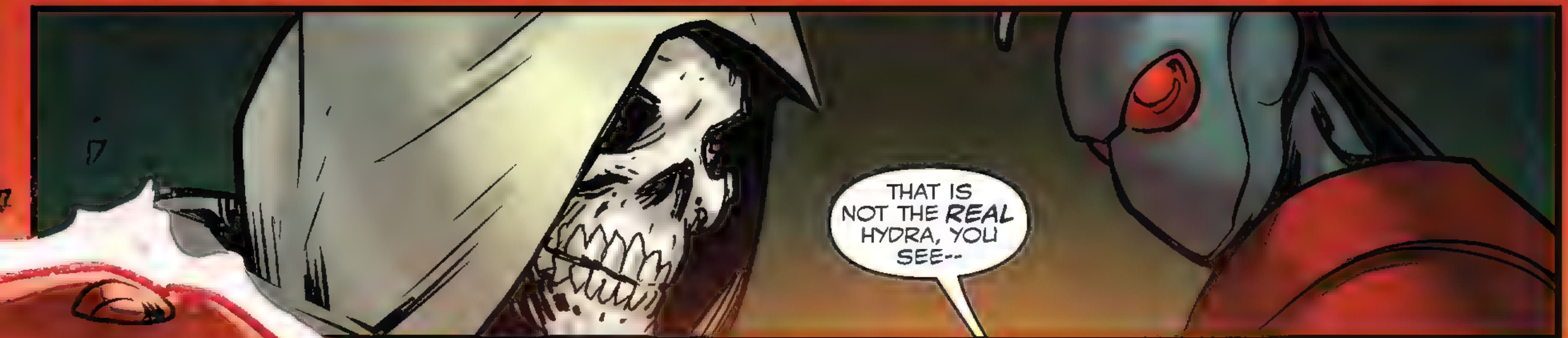
IT DOES LOOK LIKE A COMFY CHAIR. MAN, WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH ALL THIS MONEY-- HOW DO YOU EVEN BUY AN ISLAND? ARE THEY ON ZILLOW?



I'LL JUST BE GLAD WHEN THE DAMN DEAL IS DONE. HILL'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE ANY MINUTE WITH THE CONTRACTS-- SOONER WE GET RID OF THIS THING, THE BETTER.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. AND HEY, IF THIS ALL KEEPS HYDRA FROM TAKING OVER THE WORLD, I CALL THAT A **BONUS**. I MIGHT BE A **MERCENARY SUPER VILLAIN**, BUT I AIN'T A RACIST.

I FEAR YOU MEN HAVE BEEN LIED TO.

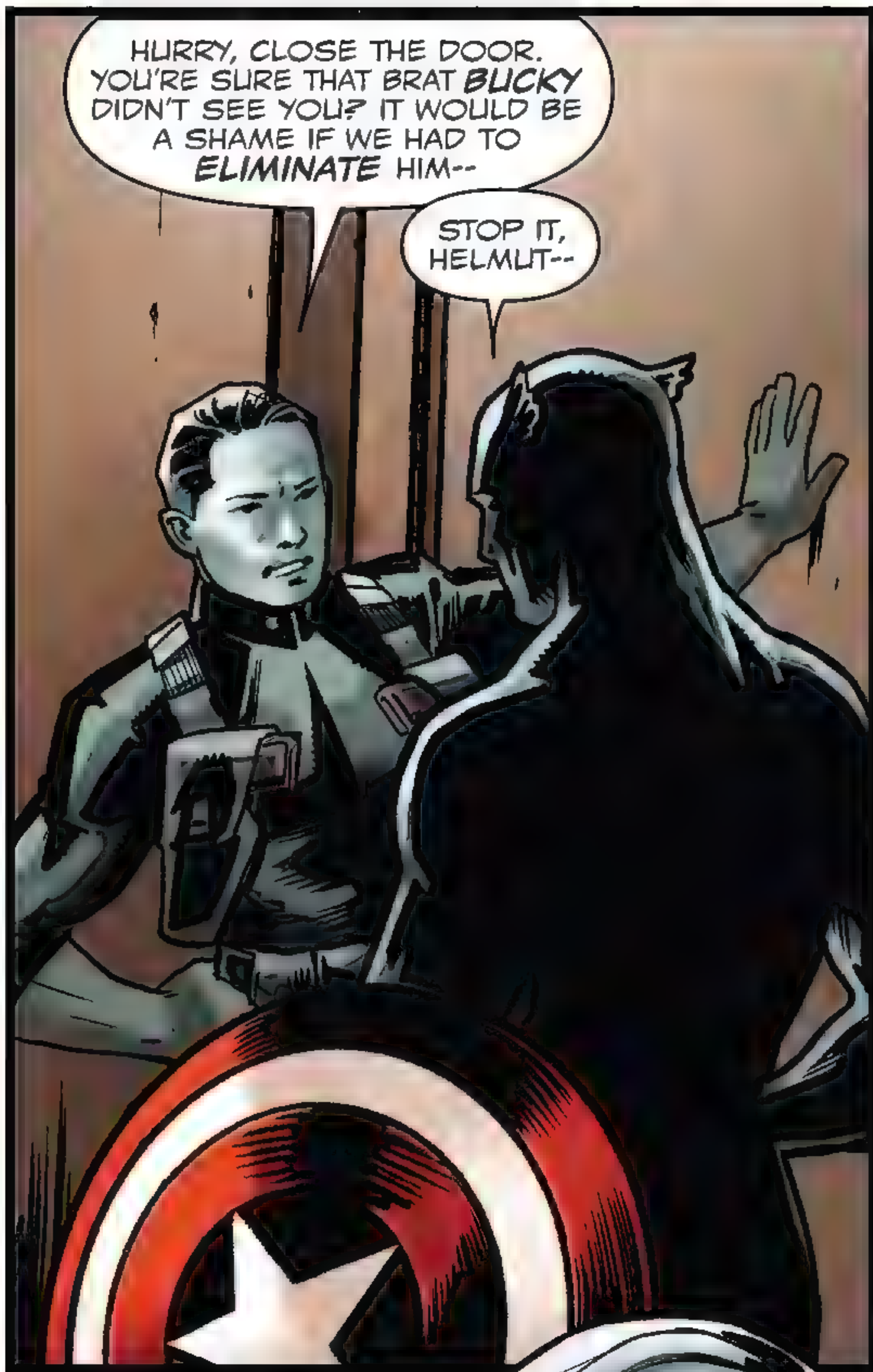


THAT IS NOT THE **REAL** HYDRA, YOU SEE--



--BUT NOW I WILL BE HAPPY TO SHOW YOU HYDRA'S **TRUE** FACE.





HURRY, CLOSE THE DOOR. YOU'RE SURE THAT BRAT **BUCKY** DIDN'T SEE YOU? IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF WE HAD TO **ELIMINATE** HIM--

STOP IT, HELMUT--



--BUCKY'S A GOOD KID. HE'S JUST BEEN...**BRAINWASHED**. LIKE ALL THE **REST** OF THEM. BUT HE SHOULD GET THE CHANCE TO RENOUNCE ALL THAT--

--ONCE WE WIN THIS WAR.

HM-- AND ON THAT FRONT--



HERE IT IS. TROOP DEPLOYMENTS, NEW SUPPLY ROUTES--AND EVERYTHING I COULD GET ON THE ALLIES' NEW SUPER-WEAPON.



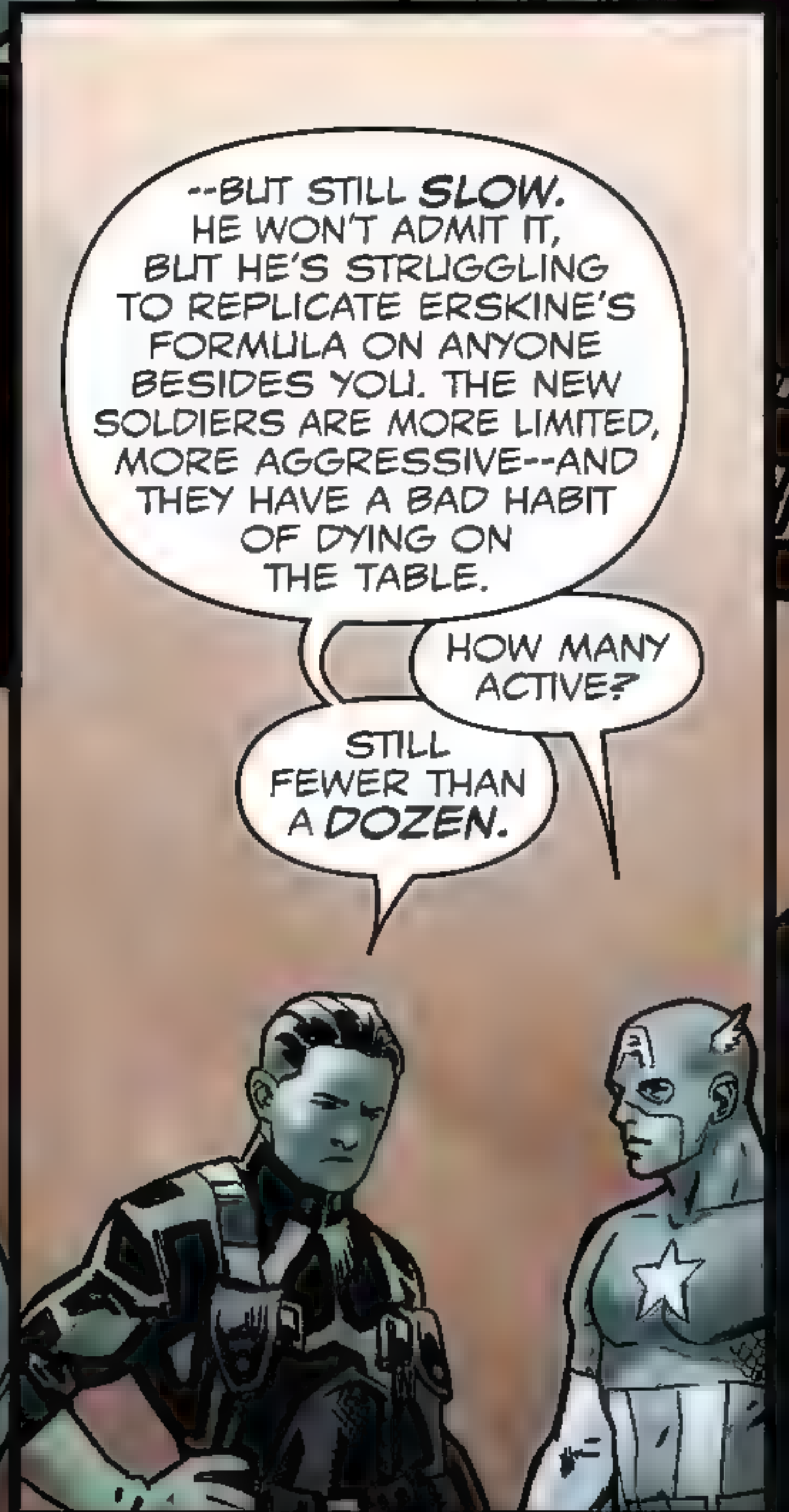
STEVEN, YOU--YOU ARE **INCREDIBLE!** HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO **GET** ALL THIS--?

THEIR LEADERSHIP IS SO CORRUPT, SO PETTY--THEY'LL PUT THEIR TRUST IN JUST ABOUT **ANYONE** WHO ISN'T STAINED BY THEIR COWARDICE.



BUT NONE OF IT WILL MATTER IF WE DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ALL THIS--HOW IS ZOLA'S **SUPER-SOLDIER** PROGRAM COMING ALONG?

FOR A MAN WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN AMERICAN CUSTODY, BETTER THAN COULD BE EXPECTED, I SUPPOSE--



--BUT STILL **SLOW**. HE WON'T ADMIT IT, BUT HE'S STRUGGLING TO REPLICATE ERSKINE'S FORMULA ON ANYONE BESIDES YOU. THE NEW SOLDIERS ARE MORE LIMITED, MORE AGGRESSIVE--AND THEY HAVE A BAD HABIT OF DYING ON THE TABLE.

HOW MANY ACTIVE?

STILL FEWER THAN A **DOZEN**.





DAMN IT--  
YOU NEED TO GET ME  
OUT OF HERE, HELMUT--  
GET ME FIGHTING ON  
THE RIGHT SIDE OF  
THIS THING--

NO, STEVEN--  
YOU ARE **ALREADY**  
THE BEST WEAPON WE  
HAVE, RIGHT WHERE YOU  
ARE. OF COURSE,  
THAT MAY CHANGE  
SOON...

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



I WANTED TO  
TELL YOU IN PERSON--  
I AM GOING AWAY FOR A BIT  
TO HELP MY FATHER ON A VERY  
IMPORTANT MISSION, SECURING  
A PIECE OF EXPERIMENTAL  
TECHNOLOGY THE BRITISH  
HAVE BEEN  
DEVELOPING--

--ONE THAT  
COULD TURN  
THE TIDE OF  
THIS WAR.



BUT BEFORE  
I GO--I HAVE A  
**MISSION** FOR YOU AS  
WELL, OLD FRIEND. ONE  
I AM QUITE UNSURE  
HOW YOU WILL FEEL  
ABOUT--

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.



IT TURNS OUT  
YOU ARE NOT THE  
**ONLY** WOLF IN SHEEP'S  
CLOTHING. HYDRA HAS A  
SPY OF OUR OWN  
IN ITS MIDST.

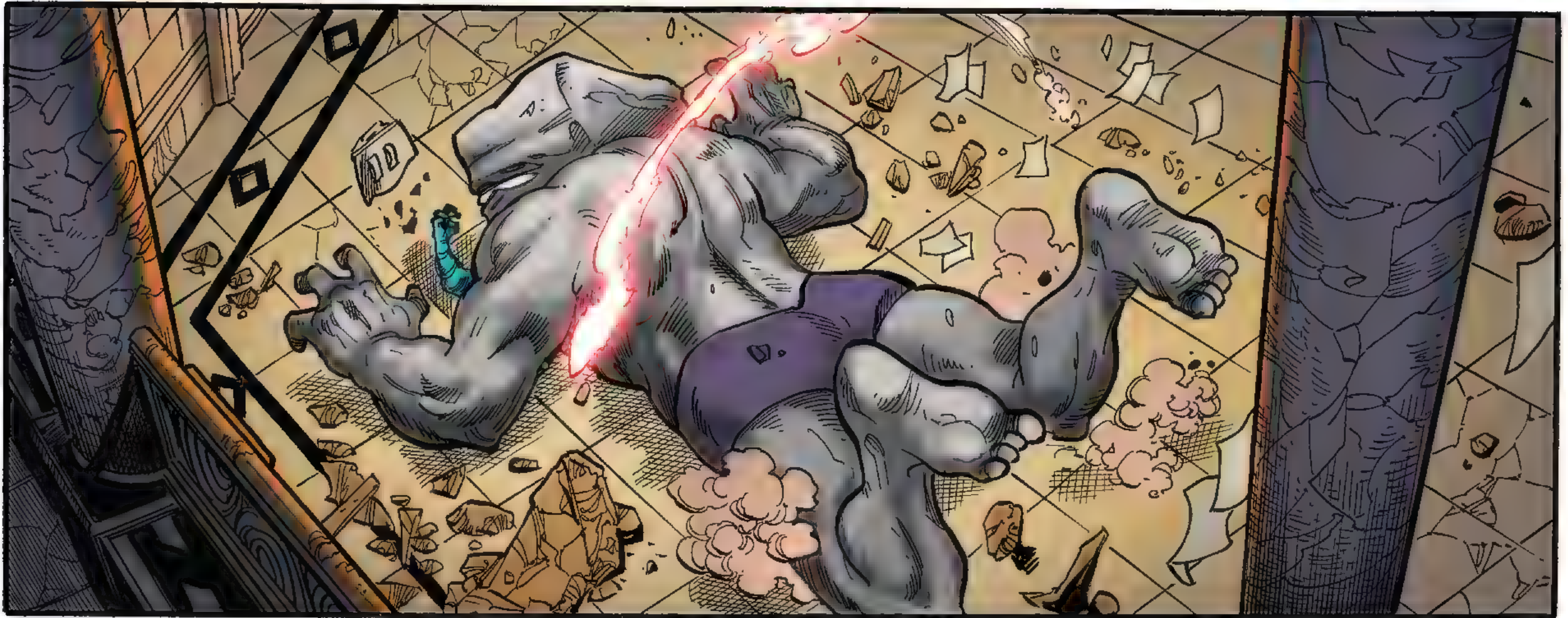
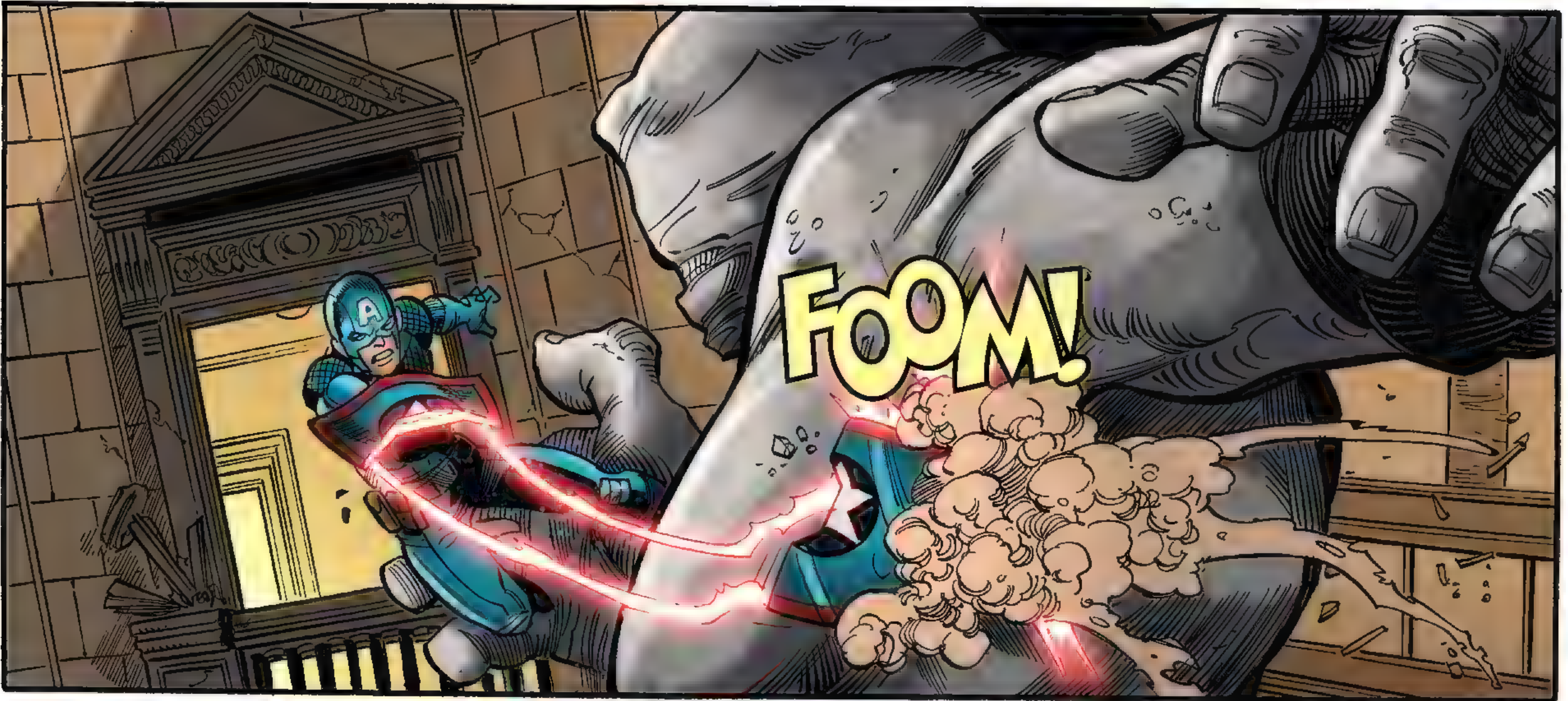
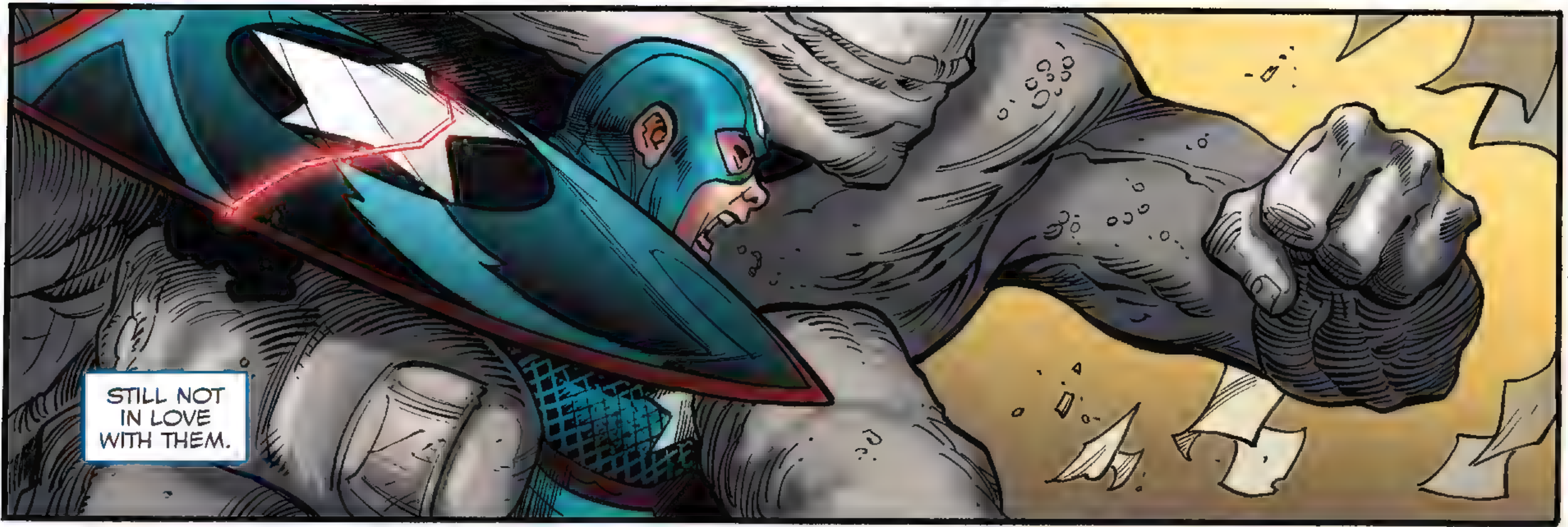
AND IT IS  
SOMEONE WE  
**BOTH KNOW** QUITE  
WELL--IN FACT, SHE IS  
THE ONE WHO BROUGHT  
YOU TO US IN THE  
FIRST PLACE--  
THE WITCH.



...ELISA?

SO, YES,  
SURPRISES--









Now, I must admit--

--Zemo's new attitude confuses me.



For weeks, Captain Rogers has been trying to get through to him--



--telling him stories about another life, where they were the closest of friends.

This itself is not strange.



In Pleasant Hill, all of the prisoners had their reality rewritten by Kobik-- but the effects were isolated to themselves.



What if Kobik did something different this time?

Something more profound?



That might explain why a zealot like Zemo is predisposed to believe in the Captain's tale--

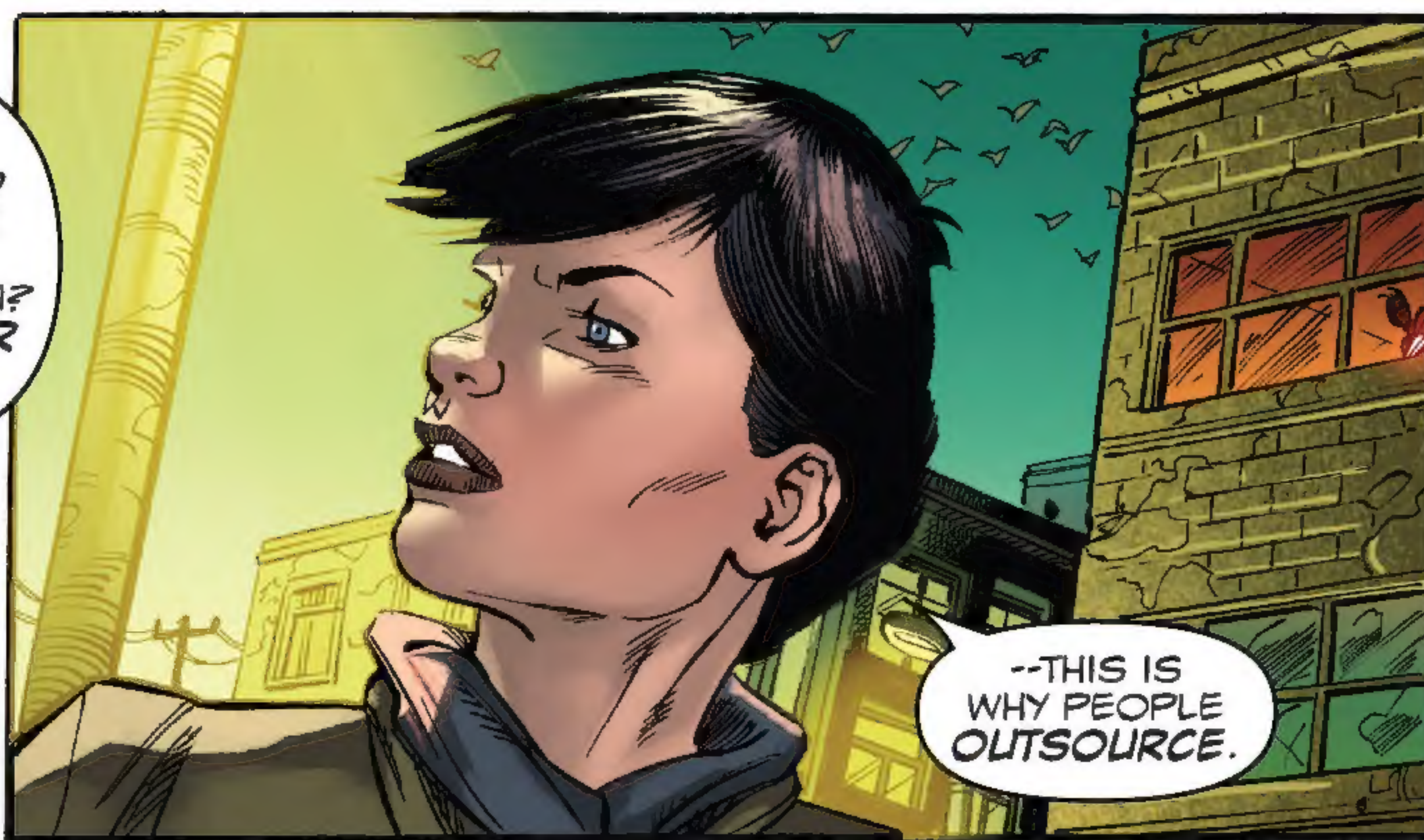
--but what else could it mean for this world? For reality itself?



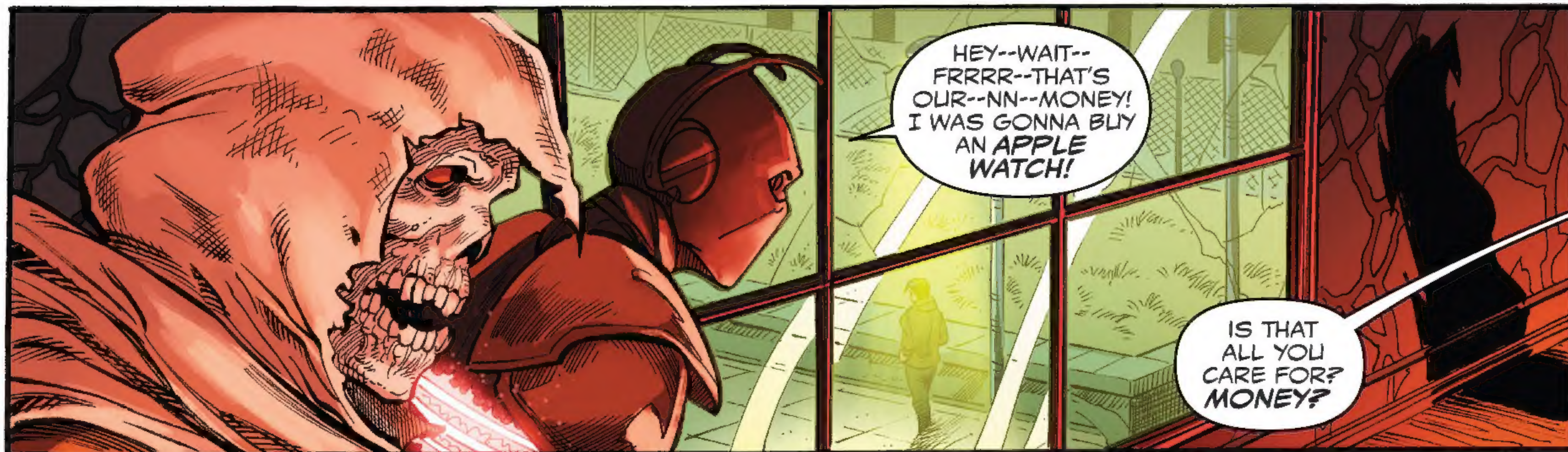


What new truths might emerge?

UNBELIEVABLE. MAKE ME WAIT A **WHOLE DAMNED HOUR?** AFTER I PULL ALL THIS TOGETHER FOR YOU? POOR **CUSTOMER SERVICE,** TASKMASTER--

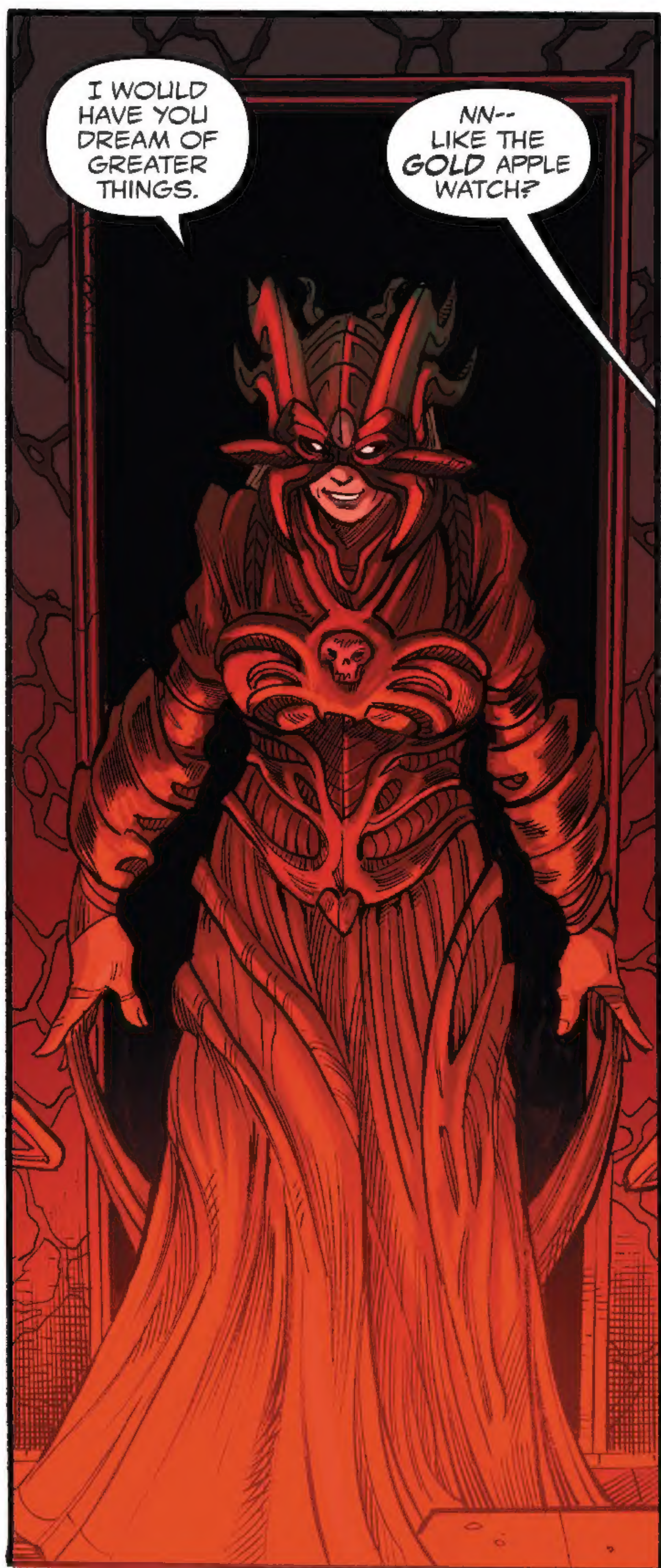


--THIS IS WHY PEOPLE **OUTSOURCE.**



HEY--WAIT--  
FRRRR--THAT'S OUR--NN--MONEY!  
I WAS GONNA BUY AN **APPLE WATCH!**

IS THAT ALL YOU CARE FOR? **MONEY?**



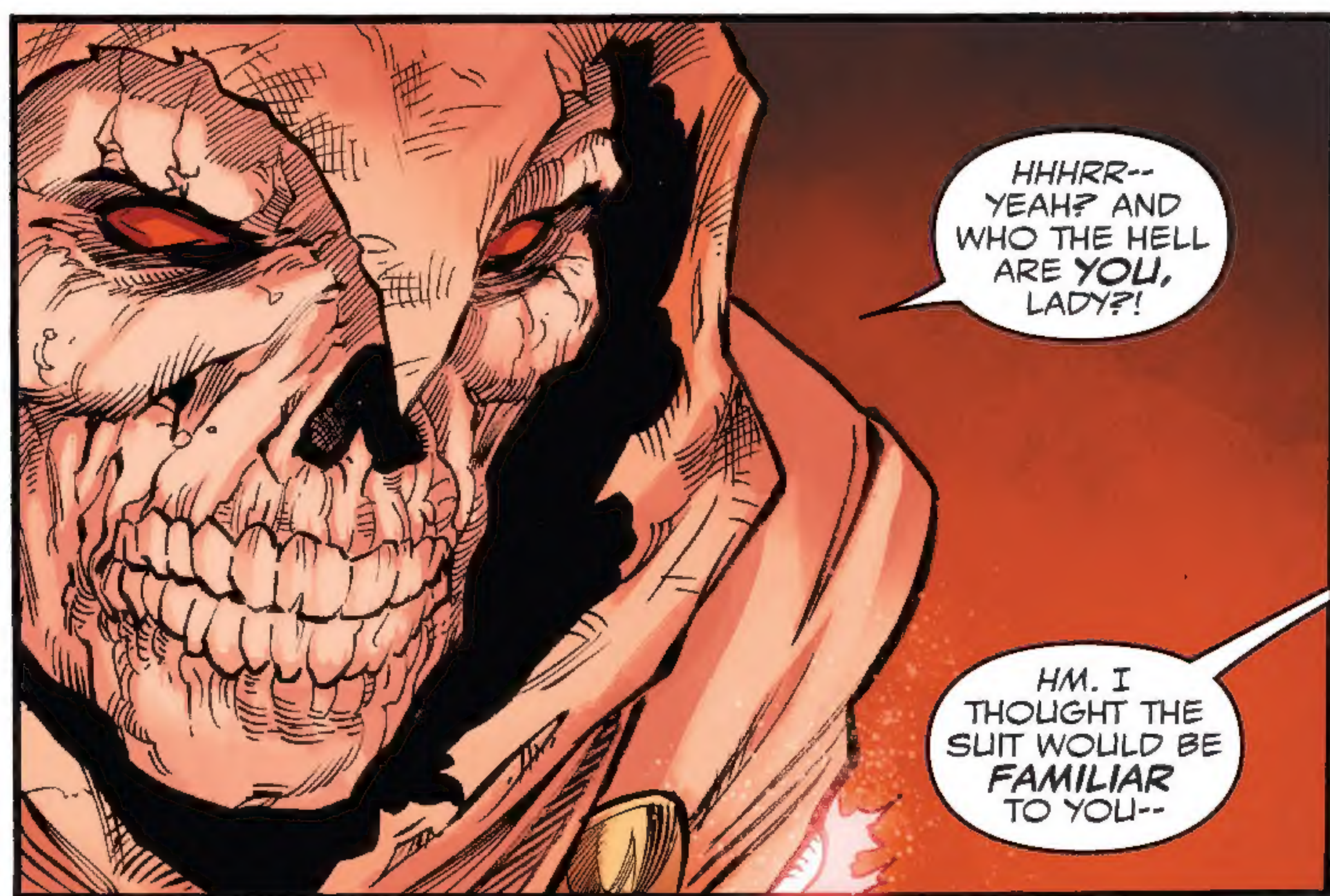
I WOULD HAVE YOU DREAM OF GREATER THINGS.

NN-- LIKE THE **GOLD APPLE WATCH?**



YOU'VE INTERFERED IN SOMETHING FAR LARGER THAN YOURSELVES TODAY, THE BOTH OF YOU. MOST MEN WHO FIND THEMSELVES STANDING BETWEEN ME AND MY PLANS ARE REDUCED TO THE DUST FROM WHENCE THEY CAME--

--BUT I **LIKE** YOU TWO. YOU'RE **FUNNY.** AND I THINK YOU CAN BE OF SOME USE TO ME.



HHRR-- YEAH? AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU, **LADY?!**

HM. I THOUGHT THE SUIT WOULD BE **FAMILIAR** TO YOU--



--I AM  
MADAME  
HYDRA.

BUT SINCE  
WE ARE GOING  
TO BE WORKING  
TOGETHER SO CLOSELY  
FROM NOW ON,  
GENTLEMEN--

--YOU  
MAY CALL ME  
ELISA.

ELISA  
SINCLAIR.

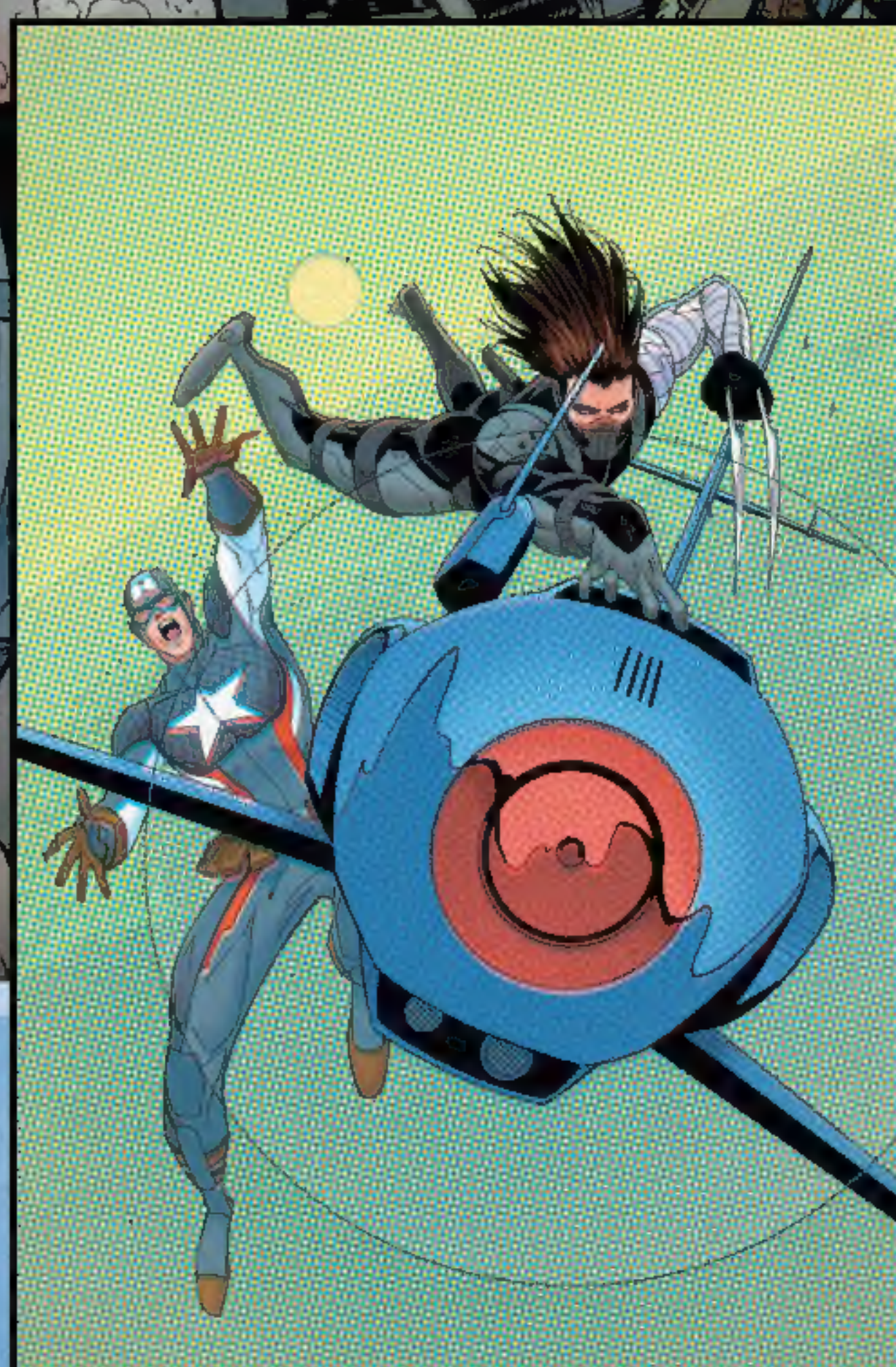




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